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SUBJECT: 27TH ANNUAL MEETING, INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION
(IWC), JUNE 23-27, LONDON

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1. E/C COUNS MADE PRESENTATION REQUESTED REFTELS AT
FONOFF MARCH 7 TO WATANABE, DIRECTOR, SECOND INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, AND SHIGEI, SECOND NORTH
AMERICA DIVISION. WATANABE RESERVED COMMENT ON SUB-
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STANCE OF PRESENTATION EXCEPT TO STATE HIS PERSONAL

VIEW THAT DATA JUSTIFYING 10 PERCENT VALUE FOR QTE
Z UNQTE WAS NOT THE QTE ONLY ACCEPTABLE INFORMATION
UNQTE AND THAT THERE MAY BE ROOM TO EXPLORE OTHER
FORMULAS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO U.S. REQUEST FOR INFORMAL
ASSURANCE, WATANABE STATED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR
GOJ TO RESPOND BEFORE REFTEL MARCH 21 DEADLINE OR EVEN
BEFORE 60-DAY PERIOD PRECEDING IWC ANNUAL MEETING.
HE SAID THAT GOJ POSITION ON VALUE OF QTE Z UNQTE WAS
BEING WORKED OUT AT TECHNICAL LEVEL IN FISHERIES
AGENCY, WHICH WOULD INTURN HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON ISSUE
WITH JAPANESE WHALING INDUSTRY. ACCORDING TO
WATANABE, GOJ HAD NOT PLANNED TO COMPLETE FORMULATION
OF ITS POSITION UNTIL JUST BEFORE MEETING OF SCIENTIFIC
COMMITTEE WHICH PRECEDES IWC ANNUAL MEETING.

3. E/C COUNS STRESSED THAT EMBASSY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED
TO RAISE ISSUE WITH FONOFF IN ORDER TO AVOID GOJ'S
CONSIDERING IT SOLELY ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS AND THAT IF
GOJ UNABLE PROVIDE RESPONSE IN NEAR FUTURE U.S. WOULD
HAVE TO CONSIDER RESUMPTION OF EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE
10-YEAR MORATORIUM. WATANABE SAID HE FULLY UNDER-
STOOD BOTH POINTS AND PROMISED THAT FONOFF WOULD
CONSULT ON URGENT BASIS WITH FISHERIES AGENCY.

4. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH STATUS
REPORT AT END OF NEXT WEEK AND, FAILING RESPONSE
FROM GOJ AT THAT TIME, WITH FOLLOW-UP REPORT BY
MARCH 21.
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